Chapter 21

I CAN'T TRUST COLETTE AND PAULA YET.

Aah.

The world isn't that easy.

GLOOM

The important Mina, doesn't think well of us...

The reason we decided to work as midwives,

GLOOM

Haha...

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I wonder if it's really better if she doesn't say it to our faces...

gloom

I patched... ...the towels.

And Paula is getting depressed...

To be honest, I'm discouraged.

But it's almost time.

Jolt

B- BUT...

Paula, shall we go see Miss Merino?

We can't help that they're saying what they're saying.

Agh.

But we've already decided to see it through.

I hope it doesn't get too busy.

If it gets too difficult, call for us.

I pray that it doesn't get busy.

There's nervousness here too.

We don't have the education or the experience.

It's true that they can't trust us.

We can't give up now.

WE ARE IN YOUR CARE.

WELCOME, COLETTE, PAULA.

WHAT?

I THINK I WILL HAVE YOU BECOME PREGNANT WOMEN.

NOW THEN, YOU TWO,

I can't see my feet.

M- MY BACK!

Woooah

SEVEN KILOGRAMS?

Filled with rocks.

IT'S NOT THE SAME AS THE REAL THING, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING, RIGHT?

NOW, PLEASE TRY TO WALK.

THUMP

MY HANDMADE PREGNANCY EXPERIENCE SUIT, A SANDBAG WEIGHING SEVEN KILOGRAMS.

So there are lots of things I don't know.

Even so, it's outside my area of expertise,

If I turn on my side it's better...?

I see

Y-

Yes!

shing

shing

NOW, BASED ON THAT EXPERIENCE, WE'LL BEGIN STUDYING!

TRY SITTING LIKE THAT.

NOW, TRY SLEEPING.

Thud

It's hard to do anything...!

And it's heavy!

MIDWIVES DO THIS AND TAKE THEIR PATIENTS' DATA AND THEN LEAVE IT BEHIND.

SO IT CAN BE HELPFUL FOR THE NEXT PERSON.

...and the condition becomes worse, and then, and then...

For example...

Basically the stomach becomes bigger and then other equipment is left in, understand?

Amazing

Everything is recorded in detail.

Meal composition.

How much the baby moves.

Weight.

THESE ARE MINA'S RECORDS.

Yay!

Whee!

R-Right.

NOW, MOVING ON!

Spartan.

caw

caw

caw

Oh right.

Um...

We would like to talk with Mina.

RIGHT.

RIGHT ABOUT NOW SHE SHOULD BE LEAVING FOR A WALK, SO GO AND MEET HER.

OK.

peppy

peppy

ALRIGHT,

WE'RE DONE FOR THE DAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

dizzy

dizzy

Taking a walk?

Mina!

OH?

YOU'RE COMING TOO?

ALL RIGHT.

Rm Rm Rm Rm

If she doesn't trust us,

Then all the more reason to make things better quickly.

Maybe she's just humoring us though...

Crushing doubt.

ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump

Do you?

Thank goodness she didn't object...!

I ALWAYS WALK AROUND HERE.

...

Step Step Step

We have to somehow communicate!!

I'M FEELING WELL.

How is your condition?

That's the most important thing.

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ガイコツやらカロンやら
ケルベロスやら
冥府組をお気に召して
頂いている方がわりと
いらっしゃって 嬉しいです。

ついには公式の
ツイッターも誕生しま
した。
『冥府㊙コレットには見えぬ
ことにした公式』です。
主にガイコツが
若干重いハデス様への
愛を呟いています(笑)
たまにカロンとヒバリーと
ケルベロスが出てきます。
宜しければツイッター
覗いてみて下さい。

ついでに素材も
個人のアカウントが
あります。
ついでに覗いてみて
下さい。ついでに。

お手紙にガイコツと
ケルベロスのイラストを
描いて下さる方も
いらっしゃって 嬉しいです。
わりと描きやすいのも
あって色んな方のガイコツ
を 拝見しています。
ありがとうございます！

I SEE.

Step

Do you take a walk everyday?

Step

YES, USUALLY.

SOMETIMES I TAKE A WALK AROUND MIDDLE OF THE MORNING TOO.

Step

She doesn't like us after all...!

We can't keep the conversation going!!

I'm a novice conversationalist too.

She's smiling, though.

Internal conversation.

Maybe something about the baby?!

Uh, umm, umm...

Isn't there a topic she'll be excited about!?

As long as it's born healthy, I would be happy with either.

The things I think to ask are the same things everyone else thinks of too, huh...

They went and said it first.

A girl would be good.

I think a boy would be good!

WILL IT BE A BOY OR A GIRL?

WHICH ONE DOES MINA WANT IT TO BE?

HEY! IT'S MINA.

THE BABY STILL ISN'T HERE?

DIDN'T YOU JUST ASK YESTERDAY?

chatter

chatter

What should I do? There isn't time, but...

With this mood, things won't go well.

H—

...

HEY! Little girl!

I'm in the mood to make people irritated.

High grade fluffiness.

Don't touch Lord Hades personal things so easily!

An unrefined person like you is more suited to being covered in a mountain of hay!

Straw?

...I'm just running into a bit of a wall.

OH? WHAT KIND?

cranky

cranky

WELL, AREN'T YOU BEING MORE DOCILE THAN USUAL.

...

She doesn't act like a patient though.

That is...she doesn't trust me...

...A patient.

WHAT AN ARROGANT THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE.

DO YOU THINK I CAME TO APPROVE OF YOU ATTENDING TO LORD HADES IN A DAY?

AS IF SHE WOULD TRUST A STRANGER SO EASILY.

OF COURSE SHE DOESN'T.

Hmph.

SHOCK

Sigh

Good grief

COLETTE.

No.

In a day...?

...

What was it that I did to really become the doctor of the realm of the dead?

Oh,
right.

The things
Lord Hades
liked and
hated,

What I could
do to do to get
my feelings
across.

What things
I could say
to be helpful,

I was
always
observing.

So I
wouldn't miss
even small
changes.

I'LL DO MY BEST!

And so things became how they are now.

Thank you, Skeleton.

Ah!

LORD HADES HAS RETURNED.

rumble rumble rumble rumble rumble

BUT DON'T FORGET YOUNG LADY! YOU ARE THE DOCTOR OF THE REALM OF THE DEAD!!

BECOMING CLOSE AND FRIENDLY WITH US ISN'T SOMETHING TO TAKE LIGHTLY AT ALL, ALRIGHT?

SERIOUSLY?

Not at all?

WELCOME BACK, LORD HADES!

That was a fast turnaround.

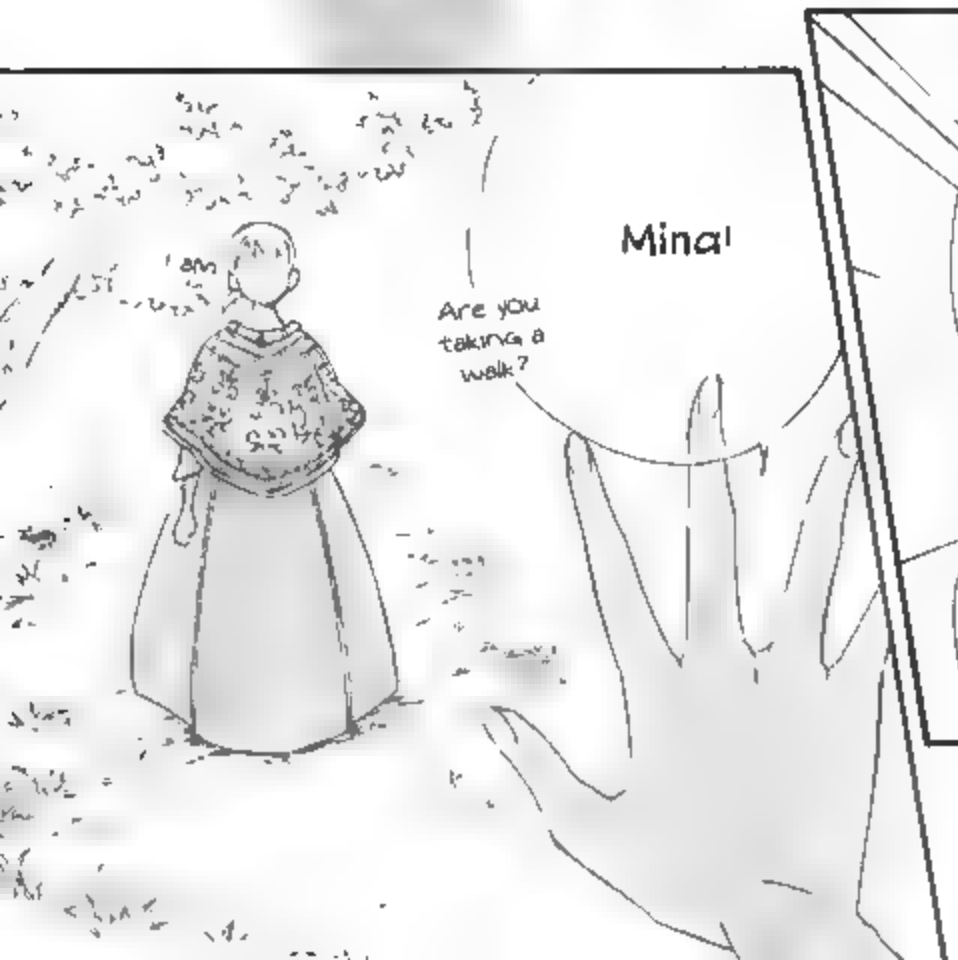
Lord Hades, will you be having your meal? A bath?

chatter chatter

Because there's so little time, I was flustered.

I should observe just like I would with Lord Hades or another patient.

Let's observe Mina.



HI, MINA. HOW'S THE BABY?

IS IT DOING WELL?

I'M FEELING WELL.

How is your condit on?

IT IS MOVING AROUND WELL.

OH, THAT'S GOOD.

It's so exciting~

AH.

HAVE YOU MADE THE BLANKET FOR THE BABY YET?

YES, THANK YOU.

YOU'LL NEED LOTS OF DIAPERS TOO.

YOU SHOULDN'T INCONVENIENCE THE BABY~

See you.

THIS ONE'S THE POPULAR ONE.

You're popular everyday, huh.

Yep, yep!

NOT ME.

Huh?

Are you tired?

HM?

NO, I'M OKAY.

Should we take a break?

Al right.

MAYBE WE COULD MAKE A DETOUR.

I feel like she made a face for a second though...

OH.

THE FLOWERS OVER THERE HAVE FINALLY BLOOMED

The stems aren't poisonous,

There isn't poison either

It's safe

stare

Sniff

Sniff

Sniff

Sniff

WOW~~ IT'S SO PRETTY~~

rustle

A LONG TIME AGO, I OFTEN MADE FLOWER CROWNS.

knit

knit

I MADE THEM A LOT AS A KID TOO~

I ALSO MADE DECORATIONS FOR MY BABY'S BLANKET.

OH MY, A PRESENT FOR THE BABY?

That was a long time ago, though.

...YES.

I CAN'T WAIT

Paula.

whisper

whisper

th-huh

Squeeze

Swish

...

MINA!

WHOOSH

Probably about this size ?

OK.

DONE.

...HUH?

The one you made for the baby.

FOR ME?

IT LOOKS WONDERFUL~!

And we match~ ♡

OF COURSE!

YOU'RE ALSO A PLAYING A LEADING ROLE.

THAT IS, "MINA AND THE BABY".

YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST TOGETHER.

!

I thought it might have started out as one you were making for yourself

Smile

Certainly everyone is very excited about the baby.

And I understand not wanting to hear just that all the time.

But don't you get the feeling that it's "the baby and..."

...are paying attention to you.

Please reach her.

We...

THANK YOU.

WANTING TO GIVE YOURSELF THINGS AND TALK ABOUT TRIVIAL THINGS.

MAYBE IT'S JUST A SIDE EFFECT OF MOTHER-HOOD...

BUT NO MATTER WHAT I'M DOING, PEOPLE ONLY TALK ABOUT THE BABY.

SO IT'S LONELY SOMETIMES TOO.

I'M HAPPY THAT EVERYBODY IS PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS ONE.

LET'S DEFINITELY DO THOSE THINGS!

HONESTLY, I WAS A BIT WORRIED.

YOU TWO ARE NEW AT ALL THIS AFTER ALL.

"LET'S DEFINITELY DO STUPID THINGS" SOUNDS A LITTLE STRANGE.

HAHAA

BUT YOU'RE TRYING YOUR BEST FOR US.

YOU KNOW

I'M EXPECTING THE BEST FROM YOU TWO

SO AFTER EVERYTHING IS OVER

IT WILL BE GREAT IF I CAN THINK THAT I'M GLAD YOU WERE THERE.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME.

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN,

OF COURSE!

Progress, finally.

MAYBE I'LL GIVE THIS ONE TO MY MOM~

This first step,

...is definitely a big one.

THEN YOU DON'T REALLY GET TO SEE YOUR FAMILY?

YES.

OH RIGHT

COLETTE, YOU'RE NOT FROM HERE EITHER, RIGHT?

MAYBE I'LL MAKE ONE FOR MY HUSBAND TOO.

Oooh

knit

knit

IF YOU STITCH THREE TOGETHER, IT'S CUTE~

Oh, didn't know.

I have five

Now I think of my apprentices as my family.

My mom and dad passed away.

No, it's already been ten years

I'M SORRY, WE WERE..

OH

THE SUN IS SETTING.

HE IS

WE SHOULD HEAD HOME SOON.

SEE YOU THEN.

MMHM.

SEE YOU TOMORROW

...

It's been a long time since I last thought about her.

wow

Mom.

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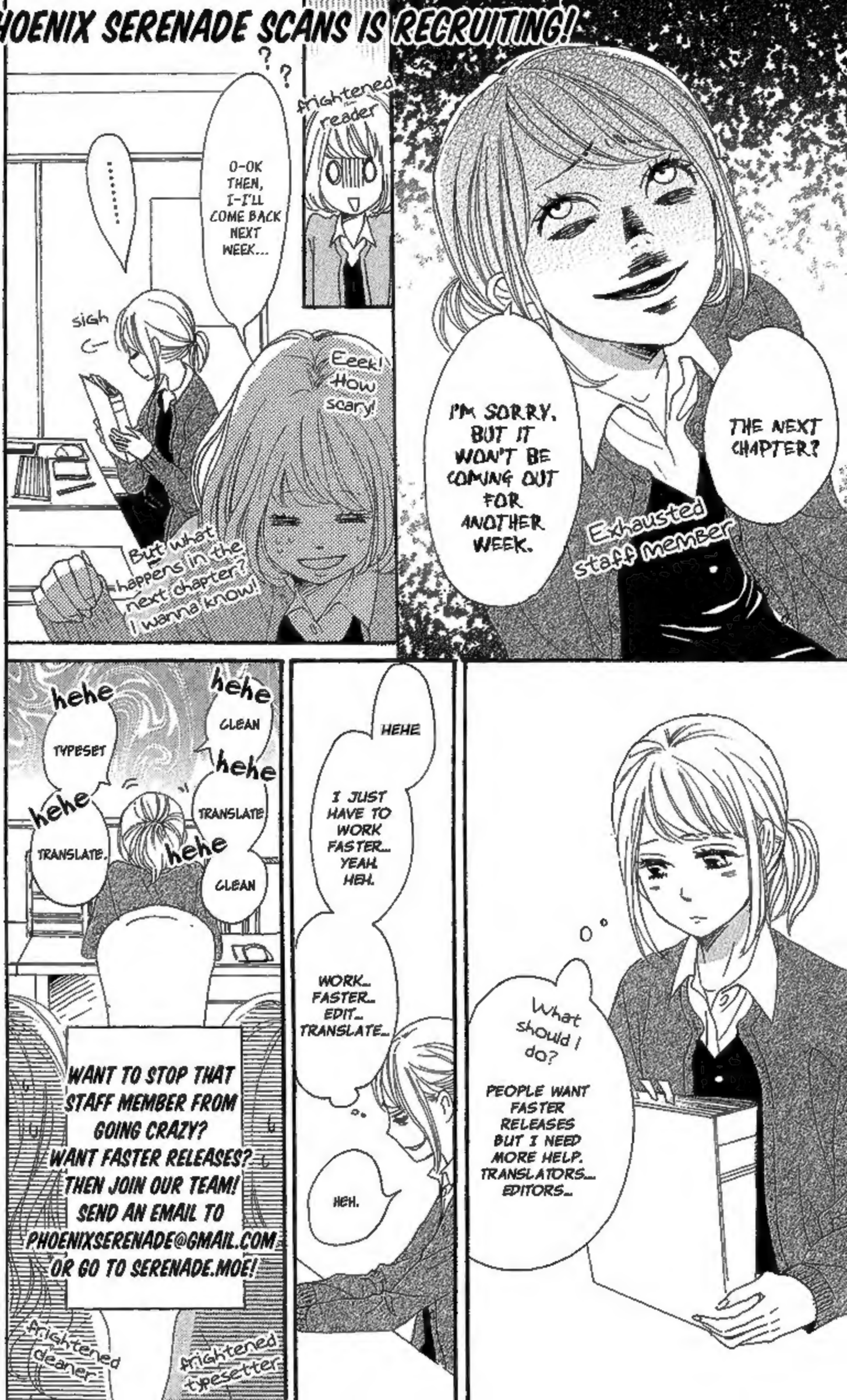
? ?
Frightened reader
O-OK THEN, I-I'LL COME BACK NEXT WEEK...
.....
sigh
Eeek! How scary!
But what happens in the next chapter? I wanna know!
THE NEXT CHAPTER?
I'M SORRY. BUT IT WON'T BE COMING OUT FOR ANOTHER WEEK.
Exhausted staff member
hehe TYPESET
hehe CLEAN
hehe TRANSLATE
hehe TRANSLATE.
hehe CLEAN
WANT TO STOP THAT STAFF MEMBER FROM GOING CRAZY? WANT FASTER RELEASES? THEN JOIN OUR TEAM! SEND AN EMAIL TO PHOENIXSERENADE@GMAIL.COM OR GO TO SERENADE.MOE!
Frightened cleaner
Frightened typesetter
HEHE
I JUST HAVE TO WORK FASTER... YEAH. HEH.
WORK... FASTER... EDIT... TRANSLATE...
HEH.
What should I do?
PEOPLE WANT FASTER RELEASES BUT I NEED MORE HELP. TRANSLATORS... EDITORS...

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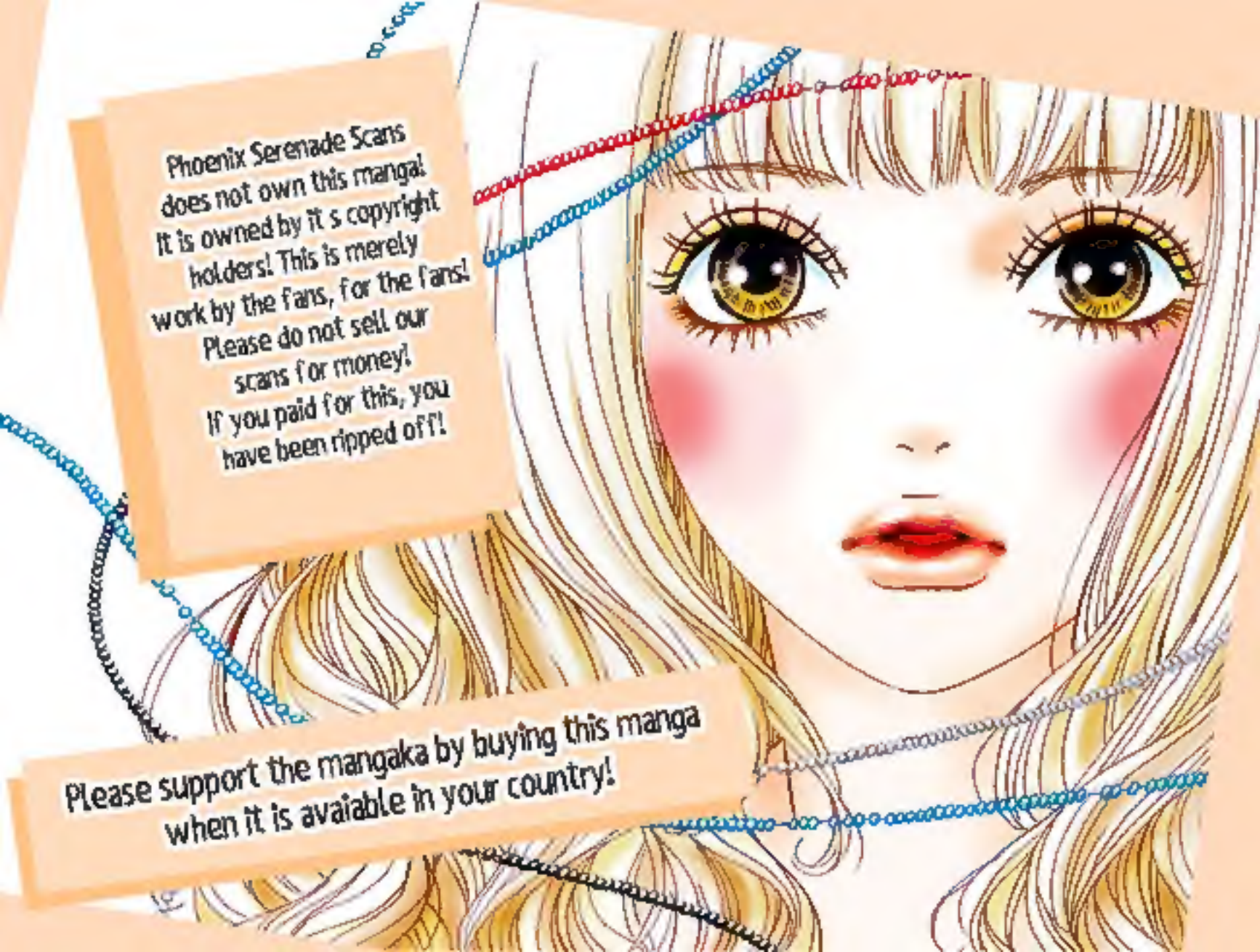
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